AMENDMENT TO THE LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2004

OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

On Page 72, After Line 3 Insert The Following New Section:

Sec. 305. None of the funds made available in this Act shall be used to implement or enforce the annual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology to determine a student's expected family contribution for the award year 2004-2005 under part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087kk et seq.), published in the Federal Register on Friday, May 30, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 32473), to the extent that such implementation or enforcement of the updates will reduce the amount of Federal student financial assistance for which a student is eligible.

The Bush Student Aid Regulation

Percentage of Income for State and Other Taxes

Deduction Under the Federal Student Financial Aid Needs

Analysis Methodology*

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	Current Rule	Bush Rule	Difference	Effective Cut in
	2003 School Year	2004 School Year		Deducti on
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Alabama	4.00%	2.00%		
Alaska	2.00%	1.00%	-1.0%	-50.0%
Arizona	5.00%	3.00%	-2.0%	-40.0%
Arkansas	5.00%	2.00%	-3.0%	-60.0%
California	7.00%	5.00%	-2.0%	-28.6%
Colorado	6.00%	3.00%	-3.0%	-50.0%
Connecticut	5.00%	5.00%	0.0%	0.0%
Delaware	7.00%	3.00%	-4.0%	-57.1%
District of Columbia	9.00%	6.00%	-3.0%	-33.3%
Florida	3.00%	1.00%	-2.0%	-66.7%
Georgia	6.00%	4.00%	-2.0%	-33.3%
Hawaii	7.00%	3.00%	-4.0%	-57.1%
Idaho	6.00%	4.00%	-2.0%	-33.3%
Illinois	5.00%	3.00%	-2.0%	-40.0%
Indiana	5.00%	3.00%	-2.0%	-40.0%
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Kansas	6.00%	3.00%	-3.0%	-50.0%
Kentucky	6.00%	4.00%	-2.0%	-33.3%
Louisiana	3.00%	1.00%	-2.0%	-66.7%
Maine	8.00%	5.00%	-3.0%	-37.5%
Maryland	8.00%	6.00%	-2.0%	-25.0%
Massachusetts	8.00%	5.00%	-3.0%	-37.5%
Michigan	8.00%	4.00%	-4.0%	-50.0%
Minnesota	8.00%	5.00%	-3.0%	-37.5%
Mississippi	4.00%	2.00%	-2.0%	-50.0%
Missouri	5.00%	3.00%	-2.0%	-40.0%
Montana	7.00%	4.00%	-3.0%	-42.9%
Nebraska	7.00%	3.00%	-4.0%	-57.1%
Nevada	2.00%	1.00%	-1.0%	-50.0%
New Hampshire	6.00%	3.00%	-3.0%	-50.0%
New Jersey	7.00%	6.00%	-1.0%	-14.3%
New Mexico	5.00%	2.00%	-3.0%	-60.0%
New York	10.00%	7.00%	-3.0%	-30.0%
North Carolina	7.00%	4.00%	-3.0%	-42.9%
North Dakota	5.00%	1.00%	-4.0%	-80.0%
Ohio	7.00%	4.00%	-3.0%	-42.9%
Oklahoma	5.00%	3.00%	-2.0%	-40.0%
Oregon	9.00%	6.00%	-3.0%	-33.3%
Pennsylvania	6.00%	3.00%	-3.0%	-50.0%
Rhode Island	8.00%	5.00%	-3.0%	-37.5%
South Carolina	7.00%	3.00%	-4.0%	-57.1%
South Dakota	3.00%	0.00%	-3.0%	-100.0%
Tennessee	2.00%	0.00%	-2.0%	-100.0%
Texas	2.00%	1.00%	-1.0%	-50.0%
Utah	7.00%	4.00%	-3.0%	-42.9%
Vermont	7.00%	4.00%	-3.0%	-42.9%
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Virginia Washington	7.00% 3.00%	1.00%	-3.0 <i>%</i> -2.0%	-66.7%
Washington				
Wisconsin	9.00%	5.00%	-4.0%	-44.4%
Wyoming	2.00%	0.00%	-2.0%	-100.0%
West Virginia	5.00%	2.00%	-3.0%	-60.0%

^{*} For parents earning \$15,000 or more with dependent students. From the Department of Education "Notice of Revision of the Federal Need Analysis Methodology for the 2004-2005 Award Year", published on May 30, 2003 in the Federal Register.